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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – 21 LA County Sheriff's Recruits Injured After Being Struck by Car During Morning Run (U) At least 21 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recruits were injured after they were struck by a vehicle during an early morning run on Wednesday, authorities confirmed. According to the Los Angeles County Fire Department Battalion Chief, seven of those recruits are currently in critical condition, four are being treated for "immediate" injuries and 10 have minor injuries. The incident happened in South Whittier around 6:29 am when a group of 40-50 recruits running appeared to be running in a pack. Details about what led to the crash and the condition of the driver were not immediately available. The SUV driver was detained at the scene.

SOURCE: 16 November 2022, NBC Los Angeles

(U) Mountain View - Five Hells Angels Members Charged in Deadly Assault at Shoreline Amphitheater

(U) On Tuesday, police arrested five men with ties to the Hells Angels in connection with two assaults at a concert in June, one which resulted in the death of a man and the other which seriously injured an off-duty police officer. The two separate attacks happened on 19 June at the Shoreline Amphitheatre where a Chris Stapleton concert was being held. Months of investigations involving local and federal law enforcement partners led them to the conclusion that the suspects all knew one another and appeared to be associated with the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club. Investigators did not say what led to the assaults but said it did not appear that the suspects knew the victims.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, KTVU

(U) Sacramento – 20 Convicted in DMV Corruption Cases

(U) More than a dozen people in California were convicted and sentenced in connection to a series of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) corruption cases throughout the state. The 20 defendants included DMV employees, owners of trucking schools, the affiliates who bribed them and various others who conspired to bribe employees. Employees would accept bribes to enter fraudulent scores for those who did not pass their tests and in some cases had not even taken the test. According to the DOJ, "hundreds of fraudulent commercial driver license permits and licenses were issued as a part of these schemes." SOURCE: 15 November 2022, Fox 40

(U) Sacramento – Man Charged for Threats to Sacramento Government Officials

(U) A 37-year-old man is accused of threatening Sacramento government officials, as well as a candidate running for office. According to a 10 November complaint, the man threatened the lives and to do serious bodily harm to Katie Valenzuela and Mai Vang, current Sacramento City Council members, and Karina Talamantes, a candidate for the city council, as well as a staff member of Angelique Ashby, Sacramento city vice mayor and a candidate for California State Senate District 8. It was determined the defendant had both intent and the capability to carry out the threats. The man was taken into custody two-days later after an hours-long standoff involving SWAT.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, KCRA

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(U) Santa Cruz – Ballots Found in Santa Cruz Mountains Now in Hands of Federal Investigators

(U) US Postal inspectors have now joined the investigation into completed ballots reportedly found down a ravine in the Santa Cruz mountains. Several voters said they mailed those ballots using the drivethru mailbox at a post office in west San Jose, which is now a starting point for the investigation. The National Postal Service reportedly has those ballots, is examining them and will return them on Friday. SOURCE: 14 November 2022, NBC Bay Area

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Border Patrol Agents Seize \$1.4 Million in Cocaine

(U) Temecula – San Diego Sector Border Patrol agents seized 41 bundles of cocaine from a man's car last week. On 9 November, agents conducted a vehicle stop at a checkpoint northbound on Interstate 15, near Temecula. During the vehicle stop, agents discovered 41 packages hidden inside the front floorboard which tested positive for cocaine and have an estimated street value of \$1,401,000. The 33-year-old driver, a male Mexican citizen, was arrested and faces charges for narcotics trafficking. SOURCE: 15 November 2022, <u>US CBP</u>

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Michigan - Former Westland Man Charged with Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS

(U) Detroit – A Michigan man was charged with attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) and being a felon in possession of a destructive device. Between 2011 and 2017, the man allegedly attempted to provide support in the for of personnel, including himself, and other services. He faces up to twenty-years in prison for allegedly attempting to support ISIS and up to 15-years in prison for allegedly possessing a destructive device.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, US DOJ

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Oman – Israeli-Linked Tanker Hit by Bomb-Carrying Drone

(U) Muscat – An oil tanker associated with an Israeli billionaire was struck Tuesday night by a bomb-carrying drone off the coast of Oman amid heightened tensions with Iran. In a statement, Eastern Pacific Shipping, a Singapore-based company owned by an Israeli billionaire, said the Liberian-flagged oil tanker, the Pacific Zircon, had been "hit by a projectile" some 150-miles off the coast of Oman. The company said there were minor damages to the hull, but no reports of injuries or pollution. SOURCE: 15 November 2022, ABC News

(U) Qatar – World Cup Faces Terrorist Threat as ISIS Calls for 'Cleansing Campaign' Attacks

(U) Doha – Concerns have been raised about the safety of football fans and teams heading to Qatar for the World Cup after reports the supporters of ISIS have encouraged its members to carry out terrorist attacks at the tournament in the Middle East. According to Spanish outlet Marca, messaging app Telegram has been used by supporters as a platform for ISIS supporters to send cryptic messages which involve detailed plans of attacks. The report claims their plan is to plot attacks on the tournament by targeting individual nations that have attempted or successfully helped fight against ISIS, including teams from Western countries.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, Express

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(U) United Kingdom - MI5 Spy Chief Says Russia, China, Iran Top Threat List to UK

(U) London – Britain faces major security threats from Russia, China and Iran, which all use coercion, intimidation and violence to pursue their interests, the Chief of MI5 said Wednesday. MI5 disclosed that Iran has plotted the assassination and kidnapping of at least ten British residents it accuses of being "enemies of the regime." For Russia, MI5 announced 400 Russian spies had been ejected from European countries since the start of the war in Ukraine and that the UK alone had refused 100 Russian diplomatic visa applications on national security grounds. MI5 continues to see concerning activity from China that includes the harassment and assault of Chinese dissidents living in Britain. The chief also disclosed that eight potentially deadly terrorist plots by both Islamist and right-wing extremists had been thwarted in the past 12-months.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, Associated Press

(U) Yemen – 70-Tons of Missile Fuel From Iran Seized by US Coast Guard

(U) Sanaa – On Tuesday, the US Navy announced it found 70-tons of a missile fuel component hidden among bags of fertilizer aboard a ship bound to Yemen from Iran, the first-such seizure in that country's yearslong war as a cease-fire there has broken down. The Navy said the amount of ammonium perchlorate discovered could fuel more than a dozen medium-range ballistic missiles, the same weapons used by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. Independent experts, Western nations and UN experts have traced components seized aboard detained vessels back to Iran.

SOURCE: 15 November 2022, Associated Press

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